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SUBJECT: REPORT OF EXECUTIONS IN CAMBODIA

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1. DR. BERNARD PIQUART, CHIEF SURGEON AT CALMETTE HOSPITAL IN PHNOM PENH, ANGRILY DENIED TO EMBOFF THE REUTERS REPORT THAT HE WITNESSED EXECUTIONS IN CAMBODIA. PIQUART DENOUNCED THE JOURNALIST WHO CITED HIM AS THE SOURCE OF WHAT PIQUART SAID WAS ESSENTIALLY RUMOR.

2. PIQUART BELIEVES THAT A JOURNALIST, WHO WAS ALSO AN ACQUAINTANCE, TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH HIM JUST AFTER HE ARRIVED ACROSS THE THAI BORDER. PIQUART SAID HE WAS EMOTIONALLY STRUNG OUT, AND HE MENTIONED TO THE REPORTER ALL THE STORIES HE HAD HEARD WHILE CONFINED TO CALMETTE HOSPITAL AND THE FRENCH COMPOUND IN PHNOM PENH. HE SAID HE EMPHASIZED TO THE JOURNALIST THAT THESE STORIES WERE RUMORS.

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3. PIQUART TOLD US THAT THE SAME JOURNALIST HAD CORRECTED ONE HIS RUMORS AND MUST THEREFORE HAVE KNOWN THAT PIQUART'S OTHER COMMENTS NEEDED CONFIRMATION ALSO.

4. REUTERS SOURCE HERE, HOWEVER, HAD A DIFFERENT ACCOUNT. HE SAID REUTERS STORY WAS TAKEN FROM A BOOTLEG TRANSCRIPT OF PIQUART'S COMMENTS RECORDED BY A FRENCH TV CREW AT THE SAME TIME THEY FILMED PIQUART BEING INTERVIEWED.

5. REUTERS SOURCE SAID FRENCH TV STILL HAS FILM BUT NOW HAD "SECOND THOUGHTS" ABOUT BROADCASTING IT. HE SAID HE CONTACTED PIQUART HERE AND FOUND HIM "VIOLENTLY ANGRY" ABOUT THE STORY BUT COULD NOT DETERMINE WHETHER PIQUART DENIED SAYING WHAT WAS REPORTED OR JUST REGRETTED SAYING IT.
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